



Docket No. 2026-4230US1

REMARKS

Claims 45-55 and 58-62 have been amended here from European style "use" claims to method claims to clarify the subject matter of these claims. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Entry thereof is respectfully requested.

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Applicants elect Group I - claims 1-31 and 45-62 for further prosecution on the merits.

Applicants reserve their right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected inventions.

Applicants are timely filing the response within the one month period set in the office action and as such no fee is believed to be due. However, should a fee be due the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2026-4230US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Applicants have also enclosed herein an Associate Power of Attorney and a Change in Correspondence Address. Please direct all future correspondence to:

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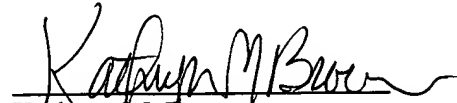
Favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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